

FISCAL NOTE

HB 179

February 24, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases punishment for the offense of stalking from a Class A misdemeanor to Class E felony; increases punishment for second offense to Class D felony; creates Class C and Class B felony offense of aggravated stalking; includes immediate family of victim among those who may be threatened; and makes stalking offenders ineligible for probation or judicial diversion.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$634,000/Incarceration*

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

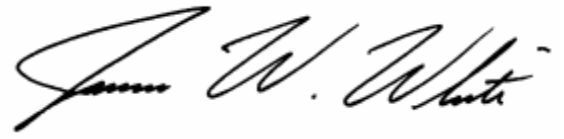
Assumptions:

- 104 convictions elevated from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for first offense of stalking.
- 4 convictions elevated from a Class E felony to a Class D felony for second offense of stalking.
- 2 convictions for Class C aggravated stalking.
- 1 conviction for Class B aggravated stalking.
- Local government expenditures for incarceration and revenues from fines will decrease when first offense stalking is elevated from a misdemeanor to a felony offense.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director